PROTECTION

Miscellaneous Appeals.

192. There were 507 (544) Miscellaneous Appeals, of which 324 (361) were disposed of, leaving 183 at the end of the year. The average duration of Appeals disposed of was 188·67 (191·8) days.

193. The total receipts and expenditure of the Civil Courts (including the High Court) during the year amounted to Rs. 22,24,231 (Rs. 21,74,786) and Rs. 20,06,128 (Rs. 20,89,021) respectively.

194. During the year, the laws in force in Bellary District on the date of merger continued to be in force, subject to the modifications made by the Mysore Adaptation of Laws Order, 1953. The practice and procedure which had been prescribed by the High Court of Madras were continued to be followed by the Courts in Bellary District.

Advocates.

195. The number of advocates enrolled during the year was 231 (151). At the end of the year, the number on the roll was 1,451, of whom 87 were from outside Mysore State.

Pleaders.

196. The total number of pleaders on the last day of the year was 1,183 (1,156). The number of pleaders newly enrolled was 27 and nine pleaders were enrolled as advocates.

(vi) Prisons.

197. The policy of the Department with regard to administration of Jails and Lock-ups was aimed at training the prisoners for a useful life on release. With this object in view, several ameliorative measures providing indoor and outdoor games to prisoners confined in Jails and establishing jail industries with modern machinery to improve the tone of production were undertaken.

198. The benefit of release on parole for 10 days in a year of long term prisoners had fulfilled the object with which the system was introduced. Convicts in the Central Jail, Bangalore, were detailed for extramural work in the construction of the Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore.

199. The health, discipline and conduct of prisoners were on the whole good during the year.

200. The religious Ministers of the Jails at Bangalore and Mysore continued to visit the Jails regularly once a week to impart religious and moral instruction to the prisoners. A library containing books on religious and moral subjects was attached to each of the Jails for the use of prisoners who borrow books and read them during leisure hours.

201. The Central Jail, Bangalore, the Central Jail, Bellary, the Allipuram Jail, Bellary and one District Jail at Mysore continued to function during the year.

202. Seven district Lock-ups were working in all the District Headquarters (except Bangalore, Bellary and Mysore).

203. The special Lock-up at Kolar Gold Fields and the Special Lock-up at Davangere were functioning.

204. There were twenty Taluk Lock-ups working in important Taluk Headquarters (excluding the Special Lock-up at Davangere and five Sub-Jails at Bellary, Kudligy, Hospet, Sandur and Harapanahalli).

205. One Borstal School and one Certified School were functioning in Bellary District.

206. Medical Administration of both the Jails at Bangalore and Mysore were held by two surgeons of the Medical Department as part-time Officers.

207. As usual, Surgeons of the Medical department were in charge of the Lock-ups in the District Lock-ups as *Ex-officio* Officers, subject to the general control and supervision of the District Magistrate of the concerned District. Whenever female prisoners were admitted in the Lock-ups, the required temporary female guards were employed for the periods.

208. There were 3,108 male and 30 female convicts in Jails, Sub-Jails and Lock-ups in the State in the beginning of the year. Of the 19,161 males, and 459 females admitted during the year, 16,250 males and 446 females were received direct from Courts and 2,911 males, and 13 females by transfer. During the year, 20,313 males and 465 females were discharged from all causes, leaving a balance of 1,956 males and 24 female convicts at the end of the year.

209. Disposal of the convicts were as follows:-

	Male	Female	Total
1. Transferred to other Jails ...	2,480	135	2,615
2. Transferred under P. T. Regulation ...	190	...	190
3. Released on appeal ...	2,326	76	2,402
4. Released on expiry of sentence ...	10,585	202	10,787
5. Released under remission system ...	3,259	52	3,311
6. Released by orders of Government ...	1,308	Nil	1,208
7. Executed ...	1	Nil	1
8. Transportation ...	153	Nil	153
9. Escaped ...	7	Nil	7
10. Suicide ...	1	Nil	1
11. Died ...	3	Nil	3
Total	20,313	465	20,778

210. The following statement shows the religion, age and state of education and previous occupation of convicts imprisoned during the year :—

Religion	
Hindus and Natives ...	9,935
Muslims ...	3,482
Christians ...	Nil
Other castes ...	3,591
Age	
Under 15 years of age ...	557
Between 16 and 40 ...	12,274
Between 40 and 60 ...	3,889
Above 60 ...	283
State of Education.	
Literate ...	3,863
Illiterate ...	13,145
Previous occupation.	
1. Government or Municipal servants ...	366
2. Professional Persons ...	700
3. Under personal services ...	293
4. Agriculturists ...	5,725
5. Commerce and Trade ...	1,366

Social Life of Women in Society.

1.	Married	...	306
2.	Unmarried	...	112
3.	Widows	...	35
4.	Prostitutes	...	6

211. There were 4,443 male and 195 female habitual criminals in the prisons during the year.

212. The total expenditure in guarding and maintaining prisoners during the year amounted to Rs. 8,31,939 in Jails, Rs. 2,37,775 in sub Jails and Lock-ups and Rs. 77,617 in schools aggregating to Rs. 11,47,331 (Rs. 9,20,813). Finance.

213. The average cost per head including the pupils of the school and prisoners in Jails and Lock-ups in the State was Rs. 370 during the year.

(vii) Registration of Assurance.

214. The total number of Special and *Ex-officio* Sub-Registry Offices in the State was 95, of which 74 Special Sub-Registry Offices and 21 *Ex-officio* Sub-Registry offices.

215. The total number of documents registered was 2,10,291 as against 2,69,823 in the previous year, showing a decrease of 59,532 documents, thus registered during the year. The number of documents registered relating to immoveable properties was 2,06,496, of which the registration of 1,84,034 documents was compulsory and that of 22,372 optional.

216. The aggregate value of all kinds of documents registered during the year amounted to Rs. 14,42,82,871 as against Rs. 21,27,32,228 in the previous year.

217. The total amount of Revenue realised during the year (excluding Yelandur) was Rs. 10,85,727 (Rs. 11,78,064). Receipts.

218. The receipts of Yelandur Sub-Registry Office, amounted to Rs. 5,629 (Rs. 7,068). Yelandur.

219. The expenditure of the Department was Rs. 5,40,223 (Rs. 5,18.358). The expenditure incurred on the Sub-Registry Office, Yelandur, was Rs. 4,608 (Rs. 4,956).